

SUPPORT FOR THE AMENDMENT

Claim 20 has been canceled.

Claim 14 and the specification, page 11, lines 1-15, have been amended to correct an obvious error, the existence of and correction thereof being clear to those of ordinary skill in the art. Applicants have rewritten the structure to provide bonding to the Si and not the C, to provide proper bonding valences.

Claim 8 has been amended. Support for the amendment to claim 8 is in the original claim 1.

No new matter would be added upon entry of this amendment.

Upon entry of this amendment, claims 1-19 will now be active in this application.

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Applicants thank the Examiner for allowing claims 1-13 and 15-19.

The rejections of claim 20 under 35 U.S.C. §101 and 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, is moot as this claim has been canceled.

Applicants addressed the Examiner's objection to claim 14 by amendment to provide the format suggested by the Examiner. In addition, Applicants have corrected a structural error in the last structure.

Applicants submit this application is now in a condition for allowance and early notification of such action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

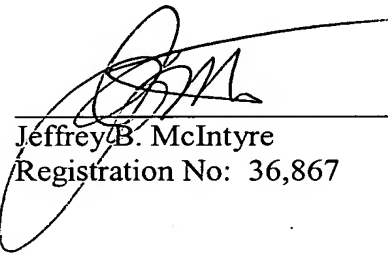
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